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RUDI'S 'ROOS QUIT 'DEAD' SCG

National coach Rudi Gutendorf will fight tooth and nail against Australia playing another International at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

"It's a terrible place and has absolutely no atmosphere at all." he said this week.

"If the ASF still wants to play there, I will not sit on the bench.

"I would rather that we play at the Sportsground — or even at Lambert Park which are soccer grounds."

Gutendorf also admitted that he was strongly opposed to the televising of the recent Mexican match in Sydney.

"I predicted that the crowd will be small and the ASF will lose a lot of money.

"Of course, this is exactly what happened.

"And you can't blame people. They could see the match better on TV than at the ground where they are a mile from the playing field.

"If I didn't have to be at the ground, I would have preferred to see the game on TV, too.

"Putting the match on TV a few hours after it was played was a suicide."

The fiery German coach is also bitter about the lack of "passion" towards the Socceroos.

"There is no attempt to sell them to the public, to make people feel it's their team," he said.

"Maybe things will change under a new marketing policy. I certainly hope so."

Jamie Paton taming the ball in last Sunday's game.

ASF PREFERS SPLIT VISIT

The proposed tour of Hungary in January is now likely to be cancelled.

The ASF is having second thoughts about the financial viability of the visit.

A series of matches by the Yugoslav champion club, Hajduk Split, is expected to replace the Hungarians.

This would be the second visit of Hajduk to Australia — the first one was in 1949.

If the ASF settles on the Yugoslav club, their opponents are certain to be State teams.

Neither the ASF executive nor national coach Rudi Gutendorf is in favour of fielding the Socceroos against visiting club sides in the future.

SOCCER ON ETHNIC TV

The ASF and PSL have signed a TV deal with the new channel O — the ethnic TV network operating under the Special Broadcasting Service.

The fee involved is reportedly $300,000 for the rights of international and domestic coverage on a weekly basis.

The actual head of channel O, former Sydney TV executive Bruce Gyngell and ASF president Sir Arthur George will announce all the relevant details of the TV package next Monday, in Sydney.

According to a story in this week's "Business Review," channel O would have the rights to European Cup matches and some fixtures from North and South America, too.

It is not clear, however, whether the Phillips League would receive a regular TV exposure or would be only part of a composite weekly soccer program.

CUP SEMIS THIS WEEK

Marconi and Heidelberg are hot favourites to win their way into the Philips Cup final.

Both will play their semifinals this week (Wednesday) at home.

Marconi's appears to be the easier task, against Brisbane Lions.

Heidelberg may have a tougher battle on their hands, against Adelaide City, last year's winners.

A decisive factor in both matches will be the fitness of players following Sunday's PSL matches.

Saints down but not quite out

It's mathematically certain now: St. George have been relegated from the Philips League.

Even if they win their remaining three matches, they can only move to the 13th position — and that isn't enough.

However, chances are that they will finish dead last — many points in the rear.

Whether they will be reinstated by the ASF is another matter.

Last weekend the ASF officially endorsed Wollongong's admission to the PSL in 1981, creating a unique situation.

That club really exists only on paper at this moment and it would take a mighty effort to get them ready for February.

The battle is still raging against the second relegation position — and suddenly Footscray have emerged as possible "candidates."

The ASF also indicated that a club from Tasmania may be admitted while Olympic, Melita (both NSW) and Preston (Vic.) have also applied for membership.

If anybody can predict, at this stage, which teams will go out and come up, he is blessed with prophetic qualities.

The ASF is also toying with the idea of increasing the PSL from 14 to 16 clubs.

They couldn't have picked a worse year than 1981 if they tried.

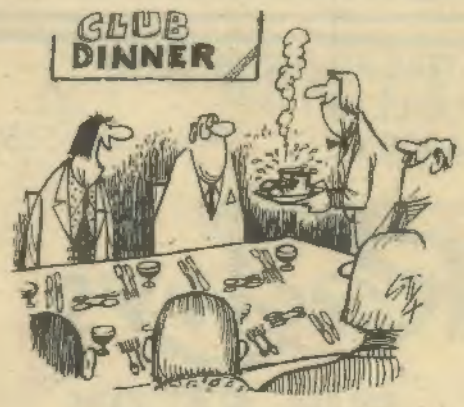
A 16-team PSL would mean an extra four rounds in a season when Australia will play a series of World Cup elimination matches here and overseas, all necessitating training camps.

Also next year Australia will stage the Youth World Cup finals, cramming the program to an unhealthy bulge.

Even financially, a 16-team PSL would be a tremendous extra burden on the clubs, especially from interstate.

Sanity would demand that the PSL stays at the 14-team level, at least in 1981.

If the ASF executive decides otherwise, they will repent at leisure next year.



"Remember saying, boss, that you'd eat your boots if we didn't win promotion?"

NSW FEDERATION FINALS

Saturday, September 13

Artarmon Reserve:
Division 5:
Grade 2: West St. George v Macquarie Uni. 1pm
Grade 1: Winston Hills v North Rocks 2.45pm

Schofields Park:
Division 6:
Grade 2: Glenquarrie v Moorebank 1pm
Grade 1: Glenquarrie v Chullora 2.45pm

Sunday, September 14

Potts Park:
Division 2:

Grade 3: North Bankstown v Gl. Hornsby 11.15am
Grade 2: Lethbridge v Campbelltown 1pm
Grade 1: North Bankstown v Gl. Ravens 2.45pm

Blamfield Oval:
Division 3:
Grade 2: Liv. Albions v Bondi Marines 1pm
Grade 1: Liv. Albions v North Ryde 2.45pm

Cawarra Park:
Division 4:
Grade 2: East. Creek v Padstow 1pm
Grade 1: East. Creek v Paddington 2.45pm

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Monaro v Kuringai	2-1	1-4	—
NS-Inter v Olympic	2-1	1-2	0-3
Cant M'ville v Avala	2-0	0-1	5-0
Bankstown v S'land	1-3	2-2	2-1
Parramatta v Croatia	0-0	1-0	0-0
Manly v Melita	2-2	0-1	0-2
Arncliffe v Auburn	0-0	0-2	0-1

DIVISION 1

Yugal v Belmore	0-0	1-2	2-3
Revesby v Bl'town Utd	3-0	0-1	1-4
Polonia v Wollongong	1-0	3-3	1-5
Penrith v Uni of NSW	1-5	0-2	8-0
Syd City v Leichhardt	1-1	3-2	1-1
Bathurst v St. George	0-1	1-1	0-11
Warringah v Marconi	0-2	0-2	0-3

SEMI FINALS

DIVISION 2

1st Grade

Guildford v Nth Bankstown 1-2
Glad Ravens v Yagoona 4-2

2nd Grade

Guildford v Campbelltown 0-2
Glad Ravens v Lethbridge 3-4

3rd Grade

Guildford v Glad Hornsby 2-3
Nth Bankstown v Glad Ravens 4-2

DIVISION 3

1st Grade

Nth Ryde v Bonnyrigg 2-1
L'pool Albion v Riverstone 3-2

2nd Grade

Bondi v Artarmon 1-0
L'pool Albion v Kingsford 2-0

DIVISION 4

1st Grade

Padstow v Paddington 0-2
Eastern Crk v Fairfield 3-0

2nd Grade

Padstow v Canley Hts 2-1
Eastern Crk v Fairfield 1-0

DIVISION 5

1st Grade

Concordia v Winston Hills 1-3
Nth Rocks v St. George 3-0

2nd Grade

Winston Hills v Mac. Uni 1-2
W. St. George v Fairfield W 3-1

DIVISION 6

1st Grade

Moorebank v Chullora 3-5
Glenquarie v Hawkesbury 4-1

2nd Grade

L'pool City v Glenquarie 3-4
Moorebank v Hawkesbury 1-0

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Under-13 — Newcastle

Day 1

Western Australia v Northern NSW 1-1
Victoria v Tasmania 0-0
New South Wales v Queensland 4-0

Day 2

Victoria v Northern NSW 0-0
Tasmania v Queensland 1-4
New South Wales v Nth. Territory 6-0

Day 3

Western Aust. v Victoria 0.3
New South Wales v Northern NSW 2-2
Queensland v Nth. Territory 2-0

Day 4

Western Aust. v Tasmania 3-1
Victoria v Nth. Territory 2-0
Nth. NSW v Queensland 2-1

Day 6

Western Aust. v New South Wales 1-1
Victoria v Queensland 2-0
Nth. Territory v Tasmania 3-0

Day 7

West Australia v Nth. Territory 5-0
Victoria v New South Wales 1-1
Tasmania v Northern NSW 5-2

FINAL TABLE:

New South Wales	9
Victoria	9
Western Australia	8
Northern NSW	7
Queensland	4
Tasmania	3
Nth. Territory	2

Under-14 — Canberra

Day 1

Western Australia v South Australia 2-1
A.C.T. v Queensland 2-0
Victoria v New South Wales 2-0
Northern N.S.W. v Tasmania 2-0

Day 2

Victoria v Queensland 1-0
New South Wales v South Australia 2-6
Northern N.S.W. v A.C.T. 2-1
Western Australia v Northern Territory 3-1

Day 3

Tasmania v A.C.T. 1-4
Northern N.S.W. v Victoria 0-3
South Australia v Queensland 2-3
Northern Territory v New South Wales 0-8

Day 4

Northern N.S.W. v Northern Territory 2-1
Tasmania v South Australia 0-5
Western Australia v Queensland 0-2
A.C.T. v Victoria 1-2

Day 5

Tasmania v Victoria 0-5
Northern N.S.W. v South Australia 0-3
Northern Territory v Queensland 0-3
Western Australia v New South Wales 0-1

Day 6

New South Wales v Queensland 0-0
Western Australia v Northern N.S.W. 0-1
Northern Territory v Tasmania 1-2
South Australia v A.C.T. 3-1

Day 7

A.C.T. v Western Australia 1-2
Victoria v Northern Territory 7-0
New South Wales v Tasmania 4-0
Northern N.S.W. v Queensland 1-3

Day 8

Northern N.S.W. v New South Wales 2-1
Tasmania v Western Australia 0-5
A.C.T. v Northern Territory 1-2
Victoria v South Australia 1-0

Day 9

South Australia v Northern Territory 7-0
Western Australia v Victoria 0-3
A.C.T. v New South Wales 0-0
Tasmania v Queensland 0-3

FINAL TABLE:

Victoria	15
Queensland	11
South Australia	10
Northern N.S.W.	10
New South Wales	9
Western Australia	8
A.C.T.	5
Tasmania	2
Northern Territory	2

Under-15 — Melbourne

Day 1

A.C.T. v Tasmania 1-1
Victoria v Western Australia 1-0
South Australia v New South Wales 0-1

Day 2

Victoria v South Australia 2-2
A.C.T. v New South Wales 0-4
Queensland v Tasmania 2-0

Day 3

Tasmania v New South Wales 0-1
Queensland v Western Australia 1-3
A.C.T. v Victoria 0-6

Day 4

Western Australia v South Australia 0-0
Tasmania v Victoria 0-4
Queensland v New South Wales 0-2

Day 5

Queensland v South Australia 0-0
New South Wales v Victoria 1-0
Western Australia v A.C.T. 0-0
Western Australia v Tasmania 1-0
South Australia v A.C.T. 4-1
Queensland v Victoria 0-2

Day 6

Queensland v A.C.T. 1-1
South Australia v Tasmania 2-1
New South Wales v Western Australia 3-0

FINAL TABLES:

New South Wales	12
Victoria	9
South Australia	7
Western Australia	6
Queensland	4
A.C.T.	3
Tasmania	1

Under-16 — Canberra

A.C.T. v South Australia 0-3
A.C.T. v Northern N.S.W. 1-3
A.C.T. v New South Wales 0-6
New South Wales v Northern N.S.W. 2-0
New South Wales v South Australia 4-0
Northern N.S.W. v South Australia 1-2
Queensland v Victoria 3-1
Queensland v Tasmania 3-0
Queensland v Western Australia 0-0
Western Australia v Tasmania 4-1
Western Australia v Victoria 1-0
Victoria v Tasmania 1-0

Semifinals:

Queensland v South Australia 3-2
New South Wales v Western Australia 1-0

Finals:

Queensland v New South Wales 1-0(1 + 2)
South Australia v Western Australia 1-0 (3 + 4)
Northern N.S.W. v A.C.T. 3-2 (5 + 6)
Victoria v Tasmania 4-0 (7 + 8)

NSW TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Melita	19	2	3	41	13	40
Olympic	17	2	5	52	20	36
Auburn	13	6	5	36	23	32
Canterbury	11	5	8	33	31	27
Nth. Sydney	10	5	10	38	33	25
Monaro	8	8	8	29	24	24
Avala	9	6	9	28	30	24
Croatia	8	7	9	38	34	23
Sutherland	9	5	10	31	31	23
Arncliffe	8	5	11	37	43	21
Bankstown	8	1	15	30	44	17
Parramatta	6	4	15	23	61	16
Manly	5	5	14	26	39	15
Kuringai	5	5	14	28	43	15

GRADE 2

Kuringai	14	3	7	40	20	31
Sutherland	11	9	4	37	22	31
Avala	12	7	5	34	23	31
Canterbury	13	4	7	31	18	30
Olympic	13	3	7	41	20	29
Melita	11	7	6	44	29	29
Auburn	12	5	7	29	23	29
Croatia	9	9	6	29	27	27
Bankstown	9	5	9	32	41	23
Parramatta	6	6	12	20	30	18
Manly	6	5	13	23	31	17
Nth. Sydney	5	6	14	17	43	16
Arncliffe	4	6	14	31	47	14
Monaro	2	5	15	15	45	9

GRADE 3

Auburn	18	4	—	47	7	40
Sutherland	14	5	3	47	14	33
Kuringai	11	6	5	44	24	28
Bankstown	10	8	4	41	26	28
Arncliffe	8	8	6	38	32	24
Melita	9	6	7	29	26	24
Olympic	10	3	9	25	25	23
Canterbury	7	8	8	39	32	22
Manly	9	3	10	31	30	21
Parramatta	7	6	10	26	41	20
Croatia	4	6	12	31	47	14
Nth. Sydney	2	4	17	14	48	8
Avala	1	3	18	14	73	5

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DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Marconi	16	6	4	50	22	38
Bl'town C.	11	11	4	52	33	33
Polonia	13	7	6	51	33	33
St. George	13	6	7	61	34	32
Bathurst	13	6	7	41	33	32
Leichhardt	11	9	7	51	43	31
Wollongong	11	8	6	41	22	30
Revesby	11	8	7	42	44	30
Uni. NSW	10	7	9	44	33	27
Sydney City	9	6	10	40	39	24
Bl'town U.	7	7	12	23	40	21
Yugal	5	10	11	24	41	20
Belmore	6	6	14	26	49	18
Penrith	4	5	16	25	61	13
Warringah	1	6	20	16	66	8

GRADE 2

Sydney City	18	5	2	78	20	41
St. George	17	6	3	59	20	40
Leichhardt	16	4	7	48	25	36
Bl'town C.	15	5	6	57	37	35
Wollongong	13	6	8	56	37	32
Bl'town U.	13	4	7	37	23	30
Revesby	12	5	9	46	32	29
Marconi	10	3	14	29	37	23
Uni. NSW	11	1	14	28	50	23
Warringah	8	5	14	27	47	21
Penrith	8	4	13	26	40	20
Polonia	6	7	11	36	49	19
Bathurst	5	5	16	21	53	15
Belmore	4	5	17	27	65	13
Yugal	2	5	18	20	58	9

GRADE 3

St. George	22	2	2	128	18	46
Sydney City	18	4	3	77	23	40
Bl'town C.	16	5	5	80	28	37
Belmore	17	3	5	44	20	37
Marconi	15	5	5	64	26	35
Leichhardt	12	8	5	39	23	32
Wollongong	13	2	10	56	44	28
Bl'town U.	11	4	10	42	44	26
Revesby	8	7	11	45	64	23
Penrith	9	4	13	43	57	22
Polonia	9	1	14	42	53	19
Yugal	4	3	18	25	88	11
Warringah	4	2	21	29	59	10
Uni. NSW	4	2	18	30	94	10
Bathurst	1	2	23	19	129	4

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THEO SELEMIDIS

Heidelberg's young midfielder Theo Selemidis has the good looks of a movie star. But he is, as they say, not just a pretty face: he is one of the most exciting talents on the Australian scene. Fittingly, he made his Socceroo debut against England in the centenary match — and had a great game as a substitute. Now on Rudi Gutendorf's short list, he looks set to be one of our stars for years to come.

SW: Were you born in Melbourne?

TS: No, in Florina, in Northern Greece and came to Australia when I was about five. I haven't managed to get back for a visit yet.

SW: Where did you start playing soccer?

TS: I really began at 12 only, with my two brothers and competitively a bit later with South Melbourne juniors.

SW: We've seen many different spellings of your name, what's the correct one?

TS: Selemidis, and my first name is Theodorus, which means god and gift in Greek.

SW: Where do you work?

TS: Nowhere. I'm just playing soccer, that's all. And I have no trade either though I finished sixth form in high school. I have no plans to study and take a course. Perhaps in the next few years I'll try to get into some business.

SW: Is your father in business?

TS: He is just a working man, not rich, either. But he's not an ordinary man.

SW: After the England match, you also played against Northern Ireland as a substitute, so you have three appearances. What hopes do you have to go on the tour with the team?

TS: I'm hoping I'll make the squad but there is a lot of talent around so I can't be too confident. I'll be disappointed if I miss out but nobody has the right to feel sure that he's going.

SW: When did you make the squad of Heidelberg?

TS: I started training with them in 1977 when the PSL began but in that year had only one game. The following year, when I was 18, I had about 8 or 9 matches. It's only this season that I became a regular.

SW: What's the secret of Heidelberg's attractive and successful style? It was always a strong team — but more plodding than classy.

TS: I don't think we were plodding, really. But now we're playing a very direct style, going down the centre of the park, going for goals. Len McKendry has obviously had a lot to do with it.

SW: What was really the set-up earlier when you had Rooney and Bannon as coaches? Was McKendry even then behind the team?

TS: Yes, Len was still helping us out at trainings. At matches he did nothing as he was busy in his other activities and he was State Director of Coaching, too. But he did a lot of work for us in the background.

SW: People say that the spirit in the Socceroo squad is excellent; is there any problem between different groups, such as Aussies, British and Europeans, like yourself?

TS: None at all. I've been there only a short while but it seems to be a great bunch of chaps. There's no discrimination or bias of any sort that I could feel or see.

SW: Have you any plans to move?

TS: Not really . . . I have another year's contract with Heidelberg. I have no wish to play overseas. I'd like to go as high and far as I can in Australian soccer, that's where I see my future. I'd like to establish myself in the Heidelberg team first of all, then perhaps with the Socceroos, too.

Father still knows best

— By Allan Crisp

"I would like to thank Gerry Chaldi for giving me the opportunity to win this medal."

These were the words of Elizabeth City mid-fielder Garie Dooley as he made his acceptance speech at last Friday night's SA Rothmans Medal award presentation at the Joe Oberdan Convention Centre.

Dooley, who polled 21 points to win the $3,000 solid gold medal from Azzurri utility player John Russell by one point, was, by his opening remark, driving home a different point to Chaldi.

It was Chaldi who rejected Dooley as a Philips League player when the pair were both still at West Adelaide.

At the time, Dooley's father, Brian Dooley, who is coach of State League club Beograd-Woodville, described Garie's sacking as a mistake.

"I predict that Garie will have his best ever season," said Brian Dooley before the 1980 season started.

"I believe that Garie will be more relaxed now that he has completed his studies to become a school teacher and he will be out to prove to those who said he can't play that they are wrong," Brian Dooley said.

It was a classic example that father knows best.

THIS WEEK THAT WAS...

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry: "We were asleep in the first half but I knew we could raise our game and win."

★ ★ ★

National coach Rudi Gutendorf: "This St. George defence is very amateurish, no team can afford a thing like that."

★ ★ ★

Again Gutendorf: "I was impressed with the understanding between Cole and Paton. I'd like to see them again together soon."

★ ★ ★

Mick Jones, Blacktown: "Absolutely delighted, we came hoping for one point and we are taking home two, how could we be anything else."

★ ★ ★

George Potter, Brisbane City: "I was shattered with this result. We had 75% of the play, appeared to have run the heart out of Blacktown and then the world caved in. That's soccer and we must learn from the defeat."

★ ★ ★

Adelaide City coach, Rale Rasic, whose analytical post-match comments are usually a feature of this column, could muster only one word to describe his team's loss to South Melbourne on Sunday: "Unbelievable."

★ ★ ★

South Melbourne coach, John Margaritis: "We've lost games we deserved to win so it was about time we won a game which we should have lost. We did not play well, but you have to remember that Adelaide City are a difficult team to play."

★ ★ ★

Billy Birch, West Adelaide: "It's a great result for us and I'm hoping we can avoid relegation now. There's a better atmosphere in the side and I think they've responded to a new face. Bozanic played well but I thought he should have scored in the first few minutes."

★ ★ ★

PAST RESULTS

	1977	1978	1979
Heidelberg v Marconi	1-8	4-1	3-2
Sth. Melbourne v St. George	2-3	5-2	2-0
West Adelaide v Adelaide City	1-4	1-1	1-2
Sydney City v Footscray	4-3	1-2	3-0
Blacktown v Canberra	—	—	—
Leichhardt v Brisbane City	—	—	1-2
Brisbane Lions v Newcastle	—	2-1	3-0

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PHILIPS CUP SEMIFINALS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Marconi	v	Bris. Lions	Marconi Stadium	7.30
Heidelberg	v	Adel. City	Olympic Park	7.30

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Heidelberg	v	Marconi	Olympic Park	3pm
Sth.Melb.	v	St.George	Middle Park	3pm
West Adel.	v	Adelaide City	Hindmarsh	2.30
Sydney City	v	Footscray	Syd.Athletic Fld.	3pm
Blacktown	v	Canberra	Gabbie Stadium	3pm
Leichhardt	v	Brisbane City	Lambert Park	3pm
Brisb. Lions	v	Newcastle	Lions Stadium	3pm

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Newcastle U.	v	Heidelberg	Int. Sports Centre	2.30

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Marconi-F'Fld	v	Sth. Melb.	Marconi Stadium	3pm
St. George	v	West Adel.	Barton Stadium	3pm
Adel. City	v	Sydney City	Ol. Sports Field	2.30
Footscray	v	Bl'town City	Western Oval	3.00
Canberra City	v	Leichhardt	BRuce Stadium	3.00
Bris. Lions	v	Bris. City	Lions Stadium	3.00

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

		AGGREGATE P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	P	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1	(1) SYDNEY CITY	23	15	4	4	45	22	+23	34	11	8	2	1	26	10	18	12	7	2	3	19	12	16
2	(2) HEIDELBERG	23	14	5	4	50	27	+23	33	11	8	2	1	31	11	18	12	6	3	3	19	16	15
3	(3) MARCONI	23	13	5	5	48	25	+23	31	12	7	3	1	32	11	19	11	5	2	4	16	14	12
4	(4) STH. MELBOURNE	23	13	4	6	36	19	+17	30	11	7	3	1	23	9	17	12	6	1	5	13	10	13
5	(5) NEWCASTLE	23	10	5	8	25	29	− 4	25	12	6	3	3	11	11	15	11	4	2	5	14	18	10
6	(6) ADELAIDE CITY	23	10	4	9	35	26	+ 9	24	12	6	3	3	19	10	15	11	4	1	6	16	16	9
7	(7) BRISBANE LIONS	23	6	11	6	26	27	− 1	23	11	4	4	3	11	9	12	12	2	7	3	15	18	11
8	(8) CANBERRA	23	7	5	11	31	29	+ 2	19	12	3	3	6	15	17	9	11	4	2	5	16	12	10
9	(10) LEICHHARDT	23	7	5	11	23	32	− 9	19	11	5	4	2	13	13	13	12	2	1	9	10	19	5
10	(9) FOOTSCRAY	23	6	7	10	27	39	−12	19	12	5	1	6	17	21	11	11	1	6	4	10	18	8
11	(12) BLACKTOWN	23	8	3	12	32	50	−18	19	11	6	2	3	23	14	14	12	2	1	9	9	36	5
12	(11) BRISBANE CITY	23	4	9	10	27	32	− 5	17	12	4	3	5	17	12	11	11	—	6	5	10	20	6
13	(13) WEST ADELAIDE	23	7	3	13	23	40	−17	17	11	6	2	3	12	12	14	12	1	1	10	11	28	3
14	(14) ST. GEORGE	23	4	4	15	27	58	−31	12	12	2	2	8	14	31	6	11	2	2	7	13	27	6

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1

LEICHHARDT 0
BRISBANE LIONS 0

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 3, Pullen 3, Skellern 4, Wilson 4, **Dempsey** 5, McAusland 3, Butler 3, Coyne 2, Pirie 2 (Drews 70m), Morsello 2, O'Connor 4. **Coach:** W. Wallace.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 3, Ontong 3, Niven 2, **Bennett** 5, Hermiston 4, Hogg 2, Wright 2, McNaughton 2, Millman 3, Verweij 3, Hughes 3 (Daunt 78m). **Coach:** M. Carson.
Referee: T. Boskovic; **crowd:** 1720; **cautions:** Dempsey, Hogg.

Leichhardt might consider themselves unlucky not to have taken both points but they have to remember that matches are won on goals, not missed chances.

Apart from the first 20 minutes and several short periods in the second half, Lions never looked like scoring and Woodhouse had to extend himself once in the entire 90 minutes.

In the early stages, with Verweij making himself involved all over the pitch and Skellern leaving Hughes with ample room to move, Lions looked good and there was promise of an exciting contest.

The Lions might have taken the lead in the 18th minute as Millman and Verweij split the Leichhardt defence wide open with the type of play they used too rarely later on.

But Verweij's shot was wide.

The veterans Wilson and Dempsey quickly summed up the situation and Dempsey moved into a more attacking role and the Lions promptly shuffled back into their well-drilled defensive pattern, with Hermiston serving them well before half time and Bennett coming to the fore after the break.

But despite the promise of good things nothing positive eventuated until 20 minutes before the end when Drews was finally introduced.

In the intervening period both O'Connor and Butler made progress down the flanks but were incapable of putting in a decent cross for their strikers.

The strikers were not blameless as they were not prepared to move to the ball or create space.

Leichhardt reappeared after the interval with a new determination but full credit must go to the Lions who accepted the challenge and defended magnificently.

A Pirie drive on the turn was deflected by Bennett in the 52nd minute and seconds later Bennett saved a certain goal when he headed a Morsello flick off the line.

Leichhardt's drive died temporarily and the Lions began to move into attack until Leichhardt's super-sub Drews came on.

Two minutes later only an unbelievable save from Lownds kept Drews out.

— Roger Dewick

2

CANBERRA 2 (0)
SYDNEY CITY 3 (0)

Goals: 1-0 John O'Shea (53m), 1-1 Spanos (63m), 1-2 Boden (78m), 2-2 Valeri (76m), 2-3 Trenter (87m).

CANBERRA CITY: Wilson 5, Moulis 3, R. O'Shea 3, Williams 3, M. O'Shea 3, Byrne 2 (Farrell 68m), J. O'Shea 3, Cole 4, Giampaolo 2, Valeri 3, Brennan 4. **Coach:** J. Brown.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 3, Spanos 4, Thomson 3, Gomez 4, Bruce 3, Stevenson 3, Watson 4, Barnes 3, Boden 4, Souness 3, H. Silva 3 (Trenter 84m). **Coach:** E. Thomson.
Referee: C. Bambridge (Vic); **crowd:** 1,680; **caution:** R. O'Shea.

The trees that line Canberra's avenues tell the story of a new season breaking into a summer. Yet for Canberra City the bitter winter continues despite glimmers of hope.

The home team which had not scored in four matches, attacked Sydney City with vigor and enthusiasm which belied their weakened line-up.

Inspired dribbles, most notably by Boden, were the only sign of the traditional Slickers style, which on the day was absent, substituted by a mindless succession of high crosses which Wilson gathered well.

The first half was a nondescript affair. In the 22nd minute it was left for Wilson to save from Boden whose speed had beaten the Canberra defence.

Sporadic attacks by Canberra led by Brennan kept the Slickers at bay. But the best chance of the half fell to Spanos when his shot in the 34th minute hit the back of Williams's leg with Wilson beaten.

The second half saw Canberra challenge the Slickers defence down their exposed right flank.

In the 53rd minute a Cole throw found Brennan's curly hair, he backheaded to John O'Shea who scrambled the ball over the line.

The Sydney side bounced back aggressively. Barnes went close from a low cross in the 55th minute and Boden's shot skimmed the bar from an oblique angle five minutes later.

Luck, however, was not to save Canberra.

In the 63rd minute Spanos lapped up Wilson's palming of a Barnes thunderbolt and drew the teams level.

The Slickers hit the lead in the 74th minute, Boden picking up Wilson's parry.

A minute later Cole was again on hand to throw in. This time Clarke contested the ball palming it badly and the resultant duels saw Valeri head the ball in.

The crowd willed the home side on sensing perhaps an upset, but it was not to be.

Three minutes after taking his place on the field Trenter latched on to a cross from Watson and the net bulged again.

— Stephen Kunz

3

ADELAIDE CITY 0 (0)
STH. MELB. 1 (0)

Goal: Cummings (82m).

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, Dods 3, Jones 4, **Russell** 5, B. Nyskohus 4, Perin 4, Muniz 4, J. Nyskohus 4, **Melta** 6, Mitchell 3, Barnes 2. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, **V. Bannon** 5, Xanthopoulos 4, Lutton 3, Kalafatidis 3 (Blair 50m), Rogers 4, Wright 4, Campbell 4, Cummings 4, Evans 4, Buljevic 2. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.
Referee: P. Rampley (NSW); **crowd:** 4807; **caution:** Dods; **sent off:** Lutton.

This lucky win ensured South a berth in the end of season Top Four play-off series and killed City's own slight hopes.

Everyone, including South coach John Margaritis, agreed that Adcity was unlucky to have lost.

But lose they did because their iron-clad defence of the first half took chances as the tension increased in the second stanza, while throughout the entire 90 minutes their strikers refused to take their own chances.

If the results of soccer games were decided on urgency and effort, Adcity would have been a clear winner on points.

City were regular though unwelcome visitors in South's penalty box as they swarmed forward to force 10 corners.

But none of their strikers, supporting midfielders or regularly overlapping fullbacks could apply the necessary killer-punch.

By contrast, South managed only two corners and a mere two scoring chances in the first half when Peter Marshall saved attempts from Arthur Xanthopoulos and Chris Kalafatidis.

At all times it was clear that South would be well satisfied with a draw and it was not until 24 minutes from full-time when Bertie Lutton was sent off for a tackle on Glenn Dods that they looked really dangerous.

South's goal in the 82nd minute should not have been a big surprise because they staged a threatening rehearsal of the effort only three minutes before their success.

On that occasion Duncan Cummings raced onto a huge down-field clearance from goalkeeper Laumets, but crashed his angled drive against the far post.

City failed to heed the warning and Cummings atoned as he flicked the ball past Marshall after Alun Evans had relayed a right wing cross from substitute Steve Blair into the path of the tall striker.

The time honored motto that goals win games and not territorial advantage held true in this match, but spare a thought for City's Sergio Melta, who belied his youth with a brilliant performance which bore the polish and class of an experienced veteran.

— Allan Crisp

4

MARCONI 4 (2)
NEWCASTLE 1 (1)

Goals: 0-1 Drinkwater (15m), 1-1 Byrne (19m., pen.), 2-1 Krncevic (32m), 3-1 Byrne (60m., pen.), 4-1 Byrne (74m).

MARCONI: Maher 4, **Henderson** 5, Muir 4, Prskalo 3, Cant 4, Byrne 4, Mariani 3 (Brogan 46m), Raskopoulos 3, **Sharne** 5, Jankovics 3 (Vieri 65m), Krncevic 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 4, Reaney 3, Sneedon 3, Drinkwater 4, Curran 3, Senkalski 4, Bertogna 4, Mason 4, Heys 3, Burrows 3 (Tredinnick 65m), Jones 3 (McClelland 65m). **Coach:** A. Vest.
Referee: T. Davies; **crowd:** 4,000; **caution:** Sneddon.

Marconi comfortably accounted for high flyers Newcastle with a 4-1 win despite being behind at one stage.

Newcastle went 1-0 up in the 15th minute when a cannonball drive from Colin Mason rebounded off a defender to Drinkwater who poked the ball in from 15 metres high to Maher's right.

But the lead was short lived.

Four minutes later Henderson chipped a long ball into the Newcastle penalty area, Jankovics running on was bowled over by Reaney and Byrne slotted home the penalty.

This was a signal for Henderson to switch from right back to deep midfield and immediately Marconi began to take control of the game.

Marconi hit the front in the 32nd minute.

Prskalo crossed into the goalmouth from deep on the left, Krncevic rose high above Dando's reach to head the ball into the net for a great goal.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, after Jankovics had muffed his second golden chance of the game — he was later to be replaced by Vieri — Gary Byrne landed his second penalty.

This time it was following a rather pointless handball by Curran.

Marconi were now well and truly on the boil and in the 75th minute Byrne notched his hat trick after a good solo effort on the right.

KB United battled on gamely and forced several corners, but it was still Marconi who were creating the chances at the end.

Sharne, Henderson and Byrne made all the difference for Marconi while Drinkwater was Newcastle's best player.

For some periods, Marconi looked championship material, especially when driven by Henderson.

Newcastle were not at their best and their attack seldom had a convincing look about it.

Gary Byrne really gave a brilliant display pleasing coach Les Scheinflug.

"He's now back to his 1977 best and one of our midfield dynamos," said Scheinflug.

— Mike Renwick

5

FOOTSCRAY 0
WEST ADELAIDE 3 (1)

Goals: 0-1 Forde (14m), 0-2 McGachey (57m), 0-3 Kosmina (68m).

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 2, Kyriakouleas 3, O'Reilly 3, Kondarios 3, Ilioski 3, Rujevic 4, Jovanovic 4, Belic 2 (Petrov 46m), Vasic 3, Picioane 2 (Simic 73m), Lujic 3. **Coach:** J. Kriaris.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, Tymczyszyn 3, Maricic 3, Forde 3, **Bozanic** 5, McGregor 4, McGachey 4, Honeyman 4, Manecas 3, Kosmina 3, Norris 3. **Coach:** B. Birch.
Referee: D. Nugent; **crowd:** 1,000; **cautions:** Maricic, Kondarios.

West Adelaide earned themselves a $300 a man bonus for winning this big yawn at the Western Oval.

The match had the makings of a big game with Billy Birch's revitalised Westad facing up to the Blues' first game under caretaker-coach Jim Kriaris, but Footscray never got out of second gear and stuttered to a grinding halt after half time.

Birch, who is in line for a "super coach" tag if one goes on results, agreed that the match was a poor one but blamed Footscray for a lack of fight.

"They weren't running, were they?", he said adding that his side could have won by a bigger score.

The visitors should have taken the lead in the third minute when Vic Bozanic ran onto a cross from the right but, faced with only the 'keeper, he lobbed the ball over the bar.

The fullback atoned for his error with a "man of the match" performance in the remainder of the game, defending well and continually offering himself as an extra attacker on the left flank.

He also made the first goal, providing the cross for Tom Forde to head over Steve Potter in the 15th minute.

The header was from outside the penalty area and Potter would have had no difficulty with it if he wasn't off his line.

The keeper was at fault in all three goals and can hardly expect to hold his place especially since Dennis Boland will be available after serving a two-match suspension.

Midfielder Neale McGachey, who had a fine game, spotted the keeper off his line again 12 minutes into the second half and added Westad's second goal with a great lobbed shot from the left wing.

John Kosmina helped himself to the third goal pushing home from close range after Potter had palmed out a left wing cross.

Footscray's best chances came in the first half.

Vasic broke through and rounded Martyn Crook in the 19th minute but chose to square the ball instead of having a crack himself allowing Peter Tymczyszyn to intercept before Zdravko Lujic could get to the ball.

— Peter Desira

6

BRISBANE CITY 1 (0)
BL'TOWN CITY 2 (1)

Goals: 0-1 Wilkinson (14m), 1-1 Ratcliffe (47m), 1-2 Wilkinson (84m).

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 3, Caldwell 3, Perry 4, **Ratcliffe** 5, Wilkinson 3, Low 3 (Vincenzino 46m), Pimblett 3, Hamilton 3, Palinkas 3 (Potter 81m), Kelso 2, Conner 4. **Coach:** G. Potter.

BLACKTOWN CITY: James 5, Harris 3, Pointer 4, Stowell 4, Turnbull 3, Selvage 3, Izatt 2 (Pollard 85m), O'Donnell 2, Hunter 2, Fisher 3 (Manning 46m), Wilkinson 4. **Coach:** M. Jones.
Referee: R. Mee (ACT); **crowd:** 2132; **caution:** Turnbull.

Brisbane, minus regulars Wishart, Potter and Gaffney, started off with the obvious intention of playing Blacktown off Perry Park.

When the first goal came it was not a classic "break" but a rather unfortunate error in understanding, leaving Wilkinson with a simple tap.

Young Hunter ghosted between, and behind, Wilkinson and Perry, the latter allowing the ball to run through to Coe, who dived at Hunters feet but the ball broke to Wilkinson who accepted the gift.

Brisbane kept their cool and pushed back into the fray and Ratcliffe almost did the trick with a tremendous drive that had goal written all over it until James brilliantly tipped it over.

The keeper was in great touch and his work impressed right to the end.

Both coaches made changes at half time but the Brisbane defence were now perfecting their cover and it took only two minutes for Ratcliffe to even the score when he threw himself at a Kelso cross and beat James from close range, a well worked goal.

Paul Wilkinson was now missing his tall mate up front and the Brisbane team went looking for the winner, with very little being offered in the way of opposition.

It was one way traffic and it looked to be only a matter of time before the clincher came.

Then coach Potter made his make or break play.

Bringing off Palinkas he substituted himself, going to right back, pushing Caldwell on to the wing, supposedly in the hope that the erstwhile forward would snatch one of his late goals.

Minutes later Selvage broke down the right wing and sent in a vicious grounder that Coe parried away from the goal. The ball came out to Wilkinson standing all alone at the far side of goal and the big striker scored his second "tap-in" goal of the match.

Brisbane charged upfield and in quick succession Kelso had a header kicked off the line and a shot well stopped by James.

— Jim Binnie

7

ST. GEORGE 3 (2)
HEIDELBERG 5 (1)

Goals: 0-1 Yzendoorn (8m), 1-1 Cotton (26m., pen.), 2-1 Katholos (45m), 2-2 Yzendoorn (48m), 2-3 Paton (52m), 2-4 Paton (65m), 2-5 Cole (71m), 3-5 Barton (78m).

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 3, Utjesenovic 2, McIntosh 3, Russell 3, Terry 2, Davies 3, Katholos 4, Griffiths 2, Cotton 3 (Kay 55m), Stone 3, Campbell 3 (Barton 62m). **Coach:** R. Blanco.

HEIDELBERG: Olver 3, McMillan 3, **Bannon** 5, **Yzendoorn** 5, Tansey 3, Selemidis 4, Campbell 4, Rooney 3, Bozikas 4 (J. Williams 70m), Paton 3, Cole 3. **Coach:** L. McKendry.
Referee: H. Witschge (NSW); **crowd:** 2231.

A tremendous second half burst was enough to give Heidelberg a comfortable win.

In the first period they seemed lethargic on the warm day and the Saints, playing confidently, deservedly took the lead just on halftime.

But once their sickly defence came under pressure, it caved in with its usual speed — conceding four quick goals in succession.

Three of the Heidelberg goals came from corners and freekicks, once again highlighting the incredible tactical immaturity of St. George who have never learned even the fundamentals about set-piece moves.

Once Bannon, later Tansey chipped in freekicks from the edge of the box, resulting in goals.

And when Cole broke free in the 71th minute, finishing his stunning, dummy-garnished run with a thunderous shot, it was all over for the Saints.

Coach Blanco, clearly in a mental turmoil, probably commited the blunder to end all his many blunders.

Down 2-3 in the second half, he replaced two strikers with two midfielders, thus abandoning all hope for a come-back.

His team once again lacked cohesion, style, pattern and character with two, often three players standing idle at the halfway mark when Heidelberg took corners — tactics even under-14 teams use no longer.

Heidelberg were disappointing in the first half when only the brilliant freeback display of Yzendoorn and the busy grafting of Campbell and Selemidis kept them in the game.

But once they began to click, thanks mainly to the immaculate and intelligent promptings of Bannon, we saw glimpses of the real Heidelberg.

Both teams missed some clear-cut chances while Fraser also made two excellent saves; the final scoreline, had all sitters been converted, could have read something like 9-5 in Heidelberg's favour — but who complains after having seen eight goals during 90 minutes?

— Andrew Dettre

Slickers may benefit from big summit

clash

Possibly the most crucial match of the season will be staged at Melbourne's Olympic Park on Sunday when Heidelberg face Marconi.

Both are still in the running for the PSL title and this could decide their fate.

If Heidelberg win, the race is still on; if Marconi can get the two points — they might allow Sydney City to romp in. Even a draw here would improve the Slickers' chances enormously.

Both title hopefuls had good wins last Sunday. However, Heidelberg played well only in spasms, a luxury they cannot afford against Marconi.

When they click, Heidelberg are perhaps still the most stylish, most threatening team to watch — a sort of mini-Liverpool.

The Yzendoorn-Bannon tandem at the back is the true brain of the team though the other departments fit in snugly.

Heidelberg play the more cultured soccer but Marconi have the greater dash and mobility on their side, so the game should be a classic.

Our tip: 2-2 draw.

Sydney City, meanwhile, will be at home against Footscray and hope to run up a big score just in case they need it later.

The Slickers fought splendidly in Canberra last Sunday for their points while Footscray have collapsed in a heap — and are, all of a sudden, in danger of relegation.

If Footscray had 2 or 3 more points under their belt, we would confidently expect a very big Sydney City win.

But in deep trouble now, perhaps Footscray will raise their game once more to make a match of it.

Our tip: Sydney City 2-1.

The fourth Top Four team, South Melbourne, could have a fairly comfortable win against St. George who are now, even mathematically, beyond saving.

Without the suspended Lutton, however, the usually solid South Melbourne defence — least number of goals conceded — may be a different proposition.

The Saints may hope to make a grand exit and are unlikely to throw in the towel.

But their super-fragile defence and lightweight midfield are simply inadequate for better results.

Our tip: South Melbourne 3-1.

The Adelaide "derby" at Hindmarsh has much greater significance for Westad than for Adcity.

Staging a remarkable if late recovery, Westad can still move away from the relegation zone while Adcity's Top Four hopes have been extinguished.

All the psychological factors point towards a Westad victory but in local derbies this and also paperform often mean little.

— By Andrew Dettre —

Ernie Campbell of St. George "scored" last Sunday — but with his hand and, of course, the goal was disallowed.

Our tip: West Adelaide 1-0.

Brisbane Lions will play Newcastle at home in a match with little or no bearing on any of the major issues; they cannot reach the Top Four and cannot be relegated.

Neither team is in sparkling form and neither will have a very big incentive — so perhaps Lions will achieve their 11th draw . . .

Our tip: 1-1.

The remaining two matches will be desperate bottom-of-the-table affairs.

Blacktown, at Gabbie Stadium, still need the points and will have to raise yet another super effort, similar to their last one in Brisbane.

Their opponents, Canberra, are getting dangerously close to the bottom though, of course, nobody would seriously suggest that they may be relegated even if they finish right down.

Blacktown are the more desperate and more combative of the two, Canberra have the superior individual talent — so maybe a draw?

Our tip: 1-1.

At Lambert Park, Leichhardt and Brisbane City will strive for life-saving points.

Again as Brisbane City are hardly likely to be relegated, no matter what, Leichhardt will be the keener for the points.

They are also in better form even if they find goals hard to come by.

Our tip: Leichhardt 1-0.

PSL '80 RESULT GRID

	Marconi	Heidelberg	Sydney City	Brisbane City	Adelaide City	Newcastle	West Adel.	Leichhardt	Brisb.Lions	Footscray	St.George	Canberra	Sth.Melb.	Blacktown
Marconi	★	1-1	2-0	4-0	2-1	4-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-0	3-2		9-0
Heidelberg		★	0-0	3-1	0-0	4-0	4-2	5-1		3-2	4-2	2-0	1-2	5-1
Sydney City	2-1	1-1	★	2-1	2-1	2-0	7-0	4-2	1-1			0-2	2-1	3-0
Brisbane City	2-1	7-0	1-0	★	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1		0-1	1-2
Adelaide City	0-1	1-0		0-0	★	1-3	1-0	2-0	0-0	4-1	6-1	1-1	0-1	3-2
Newcastle	0-1		0-3	1-1	3-1	★	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-4	1-0	1-0
West Adel.		1-0	0-2	1-0		1-1	★	0-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	2-0		4-2
Leichhardt	2-2	0-5	2-2		2-1	1-0	2-0	★	0-0		1-2	2-1	1-0	0-0
Brisb.Lions	0-0	1-2	2-0		1-2		2-1	2-1	★	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-0
Footscray	0-4	0-2	1-2	1-1	1-3	2-1	0-3	1-0	3-1	★	5-3	0-1	3-0	
St.George	0-3	3-5	0-2	1-1	1-4	0-3		1-0	2-3	1-1	★	1-5	0-3	4-1
Canberra	0-1	0-1	2-3	1-1	1-0	1-2	4-3		2-4	0-0	4-1	★	0-0	0-1
Sth.Melb.	3-1	0-0	1-2	3-3	2-1		2-0	1-0	2-2	3-0		1-0	★	5-0
Blacktown	5-1	1-2	1-3	3-1		1-1	1-0	0-0	4-1	3-0	4-2		0-3	★

TOP SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	21
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	13
PATON (heidelberg)	13
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	12
BODEN (Sydney City)	11
J. NYSKOHUS (Ad. City)	11
BULJEVIC (Sth. Melb.)	10
O'CONNOR (Leichhardt)	10
BARNES (Sydney City)	9

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

FROM THE PRESS BOX

Rudi Gutendorf last week celebrated the second anniversary of his arrival in Australia.

"Tell me," he said quietly, "have I achieved anything in these two years?"

I think he has. First of all, he has gained a remarkable degree of fame if not notoriety in a basically non-soccer community.

Everybody in and out of soccer has heard of Gutendorf; some hold him in awe, others refer to him as that "German clown." But one thing is certain: he is not ignored.

Still more comfortable in his native German than in his accented English, Gutendorf has never ceased to go into battle for better conditions and better preparations for his Socceroos.

His skirmishes with various ASF officials are legendary; he has had his say about Governments, Trusts, committees, referees, officials — and even the Press.

What about his results so far?

Largely, they have been impressive: the 4-1 wins over Norwich and the 2-1 over Cosmos, a draw (after two heavy defeats) against Czechoslovakia, narrow losses to England and Northern Ireland, two more draws with Mexico — not bad by half.

True, he did lose a waterlogged match 1-0 to New Zealand and that still rankles him. And when recently Mexico was thrashed 4-0 by New Zealand, his "Kiwi-complex" surfaced again in his statements.

These fair results look even more impressive if one considers that his Socceroo material has been of a rather modest standard.

He has tried out scores of players, recalling some, dropping others and the outlines of his team are only now starting to emerge.

But, as I said to Gutendorf, I feel his team is still cuts below the 1974 Rasic-Raiders.

I mentioned to him Henderson, Sharne and Krncevic as the only players who could have made the 1974 team; he then reminded me of Boden, so we settled on these four.

But four out of 30 or so is faint praise not just for him but for the coaches who are supposed to make the "finished product" available to the national coach.

Henderson, I argued, is the only "total" player who would have felt quite at home in the 1974 team; a man in the class of Warren, Richards, Rooney and Schaefer of those years.

Then, there is no Alston or Abonyi on the horizon and surely the 1974 defence was stronger and better balanced than today's.

Gutendorf agreed though his recollection of our 1974 team is hazy; he saw them twice, against the two Germanys but probably didn't study them closely.

One big — very big — plus in Gutendorf's favour is the surfacing of a large number of exciting young talents now in the Socceroo squad or getting close to it.

While nobody would claim that these are his personal discoveries, Gutendorf did have the courage to give many of them their first big chance: Woodhouse, Banovic, Crook, Selemides, Davidson, Christopoulos, Krncevic, Senkalski, Bertogna, Cumming and a few others are the living proof.

Quite a few of these are likely to develop into Socceroo stalwarts — but not by 1982, so another coach, Gutendorf's successor, will benefit from his spadework.

Amazingly — and happily — in his two years here, Gutendorf has still not got used to our "ways."

I remember our first meeting, in 1978 at Buenos Aires airport, during the World Cup; he was about to fly to Mendoza with another well known German coach, Udo Lattek, I was off to Mar Del Plata for a few days.

I cautioned him that if he accepted the Australian job, which was then offered to him, he would have to scale down his high demands for professionalism in playing, administration and other aspects.

"Ach, ja," he said this week, remembering the chat, "I felt at that time that you were too drastic. But you were right. I've had to make many compromises in my two years here, though never without a fight..

"Do you think I've made too many?"

No, I said, just enough to prevent him from packing his bags and leaving for his home town, Koblenz which would be a tragedy more for our soccer than for him.

"But tell me," he said again, "have I really achieved anything?"

Enough, I'd say, to give him encouragement for a third and hopefully fourth year's stay in Australia.

And on his second anniversary, I can't wish him more than that.

-ad

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ROONEY, MUIR MAY MISS WORLD TOUR

Rudi Gutendorf wants to postpone the naming of his touring team for another week or two.

"I want to see a few more games and decide on borderline cases," he said this week.

"Sir Arthur George is pressing me to nominate the players, for administrative reasons but so far I have resisted his pressure.

"Maybe he will have his way..."

Gutendorf has never been secretive about his preferences; his likes and dislikes are known.

However, in a number of cases he is still agonising over his decision.

"I think I have given everybody a chance who deserved it," he said. "Maybe I've even tried out too many players.

"But now the contours of the squad are becoming clearer."

At this stage, I would take the risk of listing these players as members of the touring party:

Greg Woodhouse, Martyn Crook, Alan Maher, Steve Perry, John Yzendoorn, Ivo Prskalo, Murray Barnes, Jim Tansey, Ken Boden, Tony Henderson, Alan Davidson, Mark Jankovics, Eddie Krncevic, Arno Bertogna, Peter Sharne, Tom Cumming and Gary Cole.

MARTYN CROOK — one of the three goalies to go on the world tour at the end of the season.

Those still considered are Joe Senkalski, John Nyskohous, Jim Rooney, Kevin Mullen, George Christopoulos, Theo Selemidis and Phil O'Connor.

Certain to miss selection include Jim Muir, John Kosmina, John Stevenson, John Coyne, Agenor Muniz and Sebastian Giampaolo.

"Rooney is a problem," Gutendorf mused this week. "Sooner or later we have to replace him and find his successor. Maybe this tour would be ideal.

"How old is Rooney? Nobody knows. I have seen three different 'official' records and his age varies from 32 to 36. But I think by 1982 he would be over the hill.

"If I bypass him, I would like to arrange a special farewell to him and some other former greats, such as Peter Wilson and Attila Abonyi.

"We shouldn't just let these great players fade out without thanking them for their services."

Gutendorf is likely to pick Alan Maher as one of his three goalies.

"Both Woodhouse and Crook are tremendously talented – but very young. Goalkeepers mature much later than others.

"Maher had a great season, perhaps his best and has great international experience."

"Muir will miss the tour for tactical reasons.

"I want to try out Barnes as stopper and want to give him the chance in all matches on the tour.

"I know what Muir can do so there's no need for further testing there."

Gutendorf is disappointed with a few others he has tried out in recent months.

"Stevenson is a fine player but too slow for my concept of the game and Coyne hasn't justified my faith in him.

"Phil O'Connor? Well, he is the best left winger in the country – but I play without wingers.

"I will probably prefer the tiny Tom Cumming who is a busy player, goes back deep and does a lot of foraging if necessary.

"I was very disappointed with Christopoulos; in his last international he was half asleep. Selemidis is talented but still unsettled.

"Kosmina and Giampaolo have done nothing this year to justify their selection while Muniz is too slow for my liking."

JOHN NYSKOHUS — not quite what he was a few seasons ago and may find it difficult to get into the squad.

TONY HENDERSON — the Socceroo Skipper and the man Gutendorf regards as Australia's most valuable and versatile player.

PETER SHARNE — certain to tour and dazzle all opponents with his stunning speed.

GREG WOODHOUSE — still our No.1 goalkeeper though far from having reached his top which, Rudi Gutendorf feels, may not be for some years yet.

PHIL O'CONNOR — the best left winger around but do the Socceroos need an orthodox winger?

KEVIN MULLEN — a talented, overlapping defender who may still miss out to Gutendorf's favourite, Steve Perry.

GARY COLE — his brilliant goal against Mexico might have won him a spot in the Socceroo Squad for the tour.

JIM MUIR — whom Gutendorf is likely to leave behind in order to test Murray Barnes as the team's stopper.

MARK JANKOVICS — certain squad member, held in high esteem by Gutendorf for his dash and heading ability.

EDDIE KRNCEVIC — perhaps Australia's No.1 prodigy who could soon become one of the team's stars, a worthy successor to Adrian Alston.

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FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

Two goals — one in each half — by Paul Scheinflug and David Polzot were enough for Marconi to beat Warringah and clinch the 1980 first division championship.

Warringah the bottom placed side, will be relegated next season.

But the highlight of the round was the 1-0 win by Polonia over the more fancied Wollongong by a controversial penalty.

Zbigniew Strzelecki smashed the ball past Vardereff, yet earlier Wollongong was also given a penalty and Ron Sattin hit the post with his shot.

To make matters worse, Wollongong played one of their best games creating many scoring opportunities which were squandered.

With two games remaining, Polonia is in the box seat for promotion to State League next year, with Wollongong (who has an extra game in hand) and Bathurst an outside chance.

Bathurst, who until last week looked poised for an upset in the promotion race, had a setback by losing at home to St George.

The students had a field day at Penrith scoring five goals in the second half to overwhelm Penrith; John Sackett and Paul Benecke each scored twice.

Revesby, who technically are still in the promotion race, had one of their best games to beat Blacktown 3-0.

Peter Henry scored for Sydney City in the 4th minute and despite dictating most of the game, they could only end with a draw against Leichhardt.

PENRITH v UNI OF NSW 1-5

Penrith: Gibson, Rhodes, Gaskin, G. Thoms, Dunn, Hackney, M. Beamer, G. Beamer, Demattia, Lewis, Hobart. **Coach:** S. Ackerley.
Uni of NSW: Galen, Hughes, Wren, T. Popovich, Tomasich, Harris, Kay, Kelly, Austin (Dwyer) (V. Popovich), Benecke, Sackett. **Coach:** R. Harbour.
Goals: M. Beamer; Benecke (2), Sackett (2), Kay.

POLONIA v WOLLONGONG 1-0

Polonia: Greenfield, Harris, Svigelj, R. Budini, Hardy, Crowthers, A. Budini, McRory, (Pahor), Maitre (Wisniewski), Strzelecki, Illingworth. **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.
Wollongong: Vardereff, Montecchi, Talevski, Campbell, Traikovski, Bingham, R. Sattin (Jirsa), Petkovski, H. Sattin, Terziouvski, (Giraldi), Fontana. **Coach:** M. Johnson.
Goal: Strzelecki (Penalty).

YUGAL v BELMORE 0-0

Yugal: Kostidis, Cummings, Radivojavic, Grubic, Clarke, Novakavic, Mihajlovic, Travini, Kapista, Rodas, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac.
Belmore: Hawthorne, Martin, Cruger, Lambert, Vergos, Murray, De Mestre, Reynolds, Buhaglar, Franks, Roberts. **Coach:** O. Klaus.

BATHURST v ST GEORGE 0-1

Bathurst: Coles, Pipoindiven, Barlow, G. Hadley, G. Pickup, Waine, P. Hadley, Dwyer, Bulloch, A. Pickup, Thebold (Judge). **Coach:** J. Judge.
St George: Wotton, Skeen, Johnson, Holmik, Sharfeggar, Beartow, Smith (Rendell), Morlando, Dredge, Tuntevski, Fraser. **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.
Goal: Fraser.

REVESBY v BLACKTOWN UTD. 3-0

Revesby: J. Cabone, Hargreaves (Adams), Larkins, T. Cabone, Pittman, Gill, Morrow, Butler, Parkinson, McGovern, Mitford (Long). **Coach:** L. Dobbin.
Blacktown Utd: Rentovetsky, Miller, Eldridge, Murray, Hannish, Svarc, Crone, Clarke, De Valle, Taylor, Charles (Meharg). **Coach:** D. Zeman.
Goals: Mitford, Butler, Morrow.

SYDNEY CITY v LEICHHARDT 1-1

Sydney City: Berry, Sorge, Henry, Woods, Mozart, Lee, Patikas (Pettas), Spanos, Killie, Milidinski, Borges. **Coach:** D. Hoggart.
Leichhardt: Hoare, Gaitatzis, Pizzone, Bradley, Casachia (Brown), Watt, Gray, Triantafyllou (McKinnon), Savidis, Drews, De Ciglie. **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.
Goals: Henry; Savidis.

WARRINGAH v MARCONI 0-2

Warringah: Hersee, Duncan, Collins, Friend, Morris, B. Beverley, Euers, Van der Saag Sandtner, Griffiths, Scott. **Coach:** Z. Napta.
Marconi: Veneri, Swaine, Colderan, Masonwells, Morson, Dulissee, Polzot, Start, Scheinflug, Tomasich, Kelly. **Coach:** L. Nesti.
Goals: Scheinflug, Polzot.

"We've got to find more team spirit"

NSW STATE LEAGUE

EAGLES ONE TWIG AWAY FROM NEST

— By Paul James —

This weekend sees the clash which could finally decide the 1980 premiership.

Melita play Olympic at Garside Park, and perhaps Melita officials would be well advised to get extra police help to control traffic — because there is certain to be a 6,000 plus crowd.

Although Melita lead Olympic by four points and only two rounds remain, they will not claim the title yet.

Even a point from this game would wrap up the competition.

Last week Melita's nervous fans over-reacted after the draw with Manly and accused the referee of favouring Manly.

Perhaps if they had known that Olympic had lost they wouldn't have been so hot-headed, but that still doesn't excuse their actions.

Also, reports floating around that St. George are interested in regaining Atti Abonyi wouldn't have made the Melita supporters too happy.

After all, last year the team's perfect run was all but ruined when Raul Blanco was lured away by the Saints and Melita missed out on the top four.

Olympic slumped to their fifth defeat of the season and against one of the less fancied sides.

North Sydney have enjoyed their first season and delight in knocking the big boys off their pedestals.

The Melita-Olympic match could produce quite a few goals and we have to go for **the Eagles to win by a narrow margin, 3-2.**

Monaro play Avala in Queanbeyan this weekend.

Avala's chances of making the Top Four vanished when they lost to Canterbury last week.

They were outplayed for much of the match and Canterbury's win finally confirmed them as the fourth team for the semis.

Monaro's position on the table is far better than it was two months ago, and they could well finish the season in fifth place.

We tip them to beat Avala 2-0

Auburn play Sutherland this Sunday in a match with little or no bearing on the final table.

Sutherland, now without both Schumann brothers as a result of Keith's broken leg last week, are fielding an extremely young side, and are starting to play with more enthusiasm.

Their results can only be heartening for Sutherland officials as they look towards next season.

But the experience and power of Auburn should prove too much and **we tip a 3-1 win to Auburn.**

After their shock loss to Bankstown we felt Croatia wouldn't slip up against Parramatta: but they did.

Surprisingly the premiers dropped another point and now languish in an ordinary middle-of-the-table position.

Arncliffe, too, have little left to cheer abour this season and as a result a far from exciting match looks to be on the cards.

We expect a draw to result here, 1-1.

Parramatta look safe, but now Ku-ring-gai and Manly are in great danger of relegation.

Parramatta's point last week moved them two points away from Manly at the bottom and this week the seasiders tackle Ku-ring-gai in a north side clash which will have more fire than usual.

Both teams have 15 points so it is safe to assume the loser will be relegated, as there is only one match left after to try and catch up.

Manly's fighting qualities seem better suited to a do-or-die struggle, though Ku-ring-gai have the players to win with ease.

We tip Manly to win, 1-0.

Canterbury confirmed their fourth place last week and should pick up another two points against Bankstown this Sunday.

Bankstown felt the sting of a very young Sutherland side last week and went down 3-1.

The more complete Canterbury should have no trouble in disposing of Bankstown.

We tip a 2-0 win to the Berries.

MANLY v MELITA 2-2 (1-2)

The match ended sensationally when Manly, trailing 2-1 with less than a minute remaining, snatched the equaliser.

Melita fans reacted noisily to the result, claiming some of the refereeing decisions were inconsistent throughout the match.

Dee Why Police later confirmed one man was arrested at the ground after the referee and linesmen were harassed as they left the field.

Striker Dudley Fox was Manly's hero, scoring both goals, including the last gasp effort in the 89th minute.

His first goal put Manly into the lead in the 28th minute, but Melita was soon on level terms when Terry Jones put away a loose ball inside the Manly goal area.

Before half time Brian Parker gave Melita the lead, but Manly continued to fight for their lives.

Fox's goal came out of the blue when he tried a spectacular shot from well outside the area and the flight of the ball deceived Melita keeper Terry Greedy to roar into the net.

MANLY: Dower4, Wilson 4, Doyle 4, Townsend 5, Burchett 3, Hardaker 3 (Pierman 82m), Jack 3, Fox 4, Stuart 3 (Dick 60m), Vale 3, Firrell 3.
MELITA: Greedy 3, Berry 4, McDonald 4, Darvill 4, Mikas 3, Juchniewicz 4, Parker 4, Farrugia 4, Allan 3, Stoddart 4, Jones 4 (Williams 75m).
Goals: 1-0 Fox (28m), 1-1 Jones (31m), 1-2 Parker (33m), 2-2 Fox (89m).
Referee: R. Lorenc; **crowd:** 1530; **caution:** Townsend.

— A. Henderson

BANKSTOWN v SUTHERLAND 1-3 (0-0)

The first half was scoreless but Sutherland seemed to have the upper hand despite the loss of Keith Schumann in the 20th minute with a broken leg.

After the break, Bankstown surprised by opening the scoring in the 8th minute when a Peter Rea freekick took a deflection from the Sutherland wall and left Sutherland goalkeeper Haynes with no chance.

This galvanised the Sutherland attack into action and their efforts paid dividends just six minutes later when Craig Rogers slammed the ball into the back of the net.

In the 79th minute Nigel Groome waltzed through the Bankstown defence and made no mistake with a blistering drive from close range.

It was Groome again in the 80th minute with a brilliant header from Craig Watkins' corner to give his team a well earned 3-1 victory.

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 4, Beveridge 3, Beater 3, Van Bruinessen 3, Lynch 3, Bullen 3, Williams 3, King 2 (Willett 64m), Rea 3, Daley 2, Fergusson 2 (Lembryk 46m).
SUTHERLAND: Haynes 3, Cashman 4, Holman 3, Groome 4, K. Schumann (Donnelly 20m, 3), Meades 4, Watkins 3, Harrington 3, Bush 3, Rogers 3, Hitchens 3.
Goals: 1-0 Rea (65m), 1-1 Rogers (71m), 1-2 Groome (79m), 1-3 Groome (85m).
Referee: A. Owen; **crowd:** 82; **caution:** Bullen.

— E. Morrison

NORTH SYDNEY v OLYMPIC 2-1 (2-0)

North Sydney were well worth their win with Olympic playing below form and missing many scoring opportunities.

Early in the game Olympic's Peter Hensman shot on the turn but his effort went over the bar.

Olympic were unable to put their game together and it was no surprise when North Sydney went ahead in the 21st minute when Jim Bottalico floated a freekick into the goal area for Frank Leyden to head in.

Robert Youssef and Derek Laing both missed good scoring chances and at the 43rd minute North Sydney increased their lead when Norrie Porter headed in a perfect cross from Jay O'Rourke.

Peter Hensman pulled back a goal for Olympic in the 65th minute when he tapped the ball in following a low cross from Laing.

With Andy Scott and Greg Ankudinoff both shooting wide for Olympic both points went to the keen North Sydney team.

NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli 4, Waker 3, O'Rourke 4, Matthewson 3, J. Bottalico 4, Leyden 4, Youssef 3 (Mitchell 78m), Porter 3, A. Bottalico 3, Dale 3, Wilson 4 (Henratty 81m).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 3, Ankukinoff 3 (Jennings 80m), Palmer 3, Wilson 4, Rowden 2, Cross 3, Laing 3 (Scott 77m), Smith 2, Housselni 3, Eaton 2, Hensman 3.
Goals: 1-0 Leyden (21m), 2-0 Porter (43m), 2-1 Hensman (65m).
Referee: T. Seacey; **crowd:** 1050; **caution:** Eaton.

— G. Streeter

INTERMONARO v KU-RING-GAI 2-1 (1-1)

Monaro had to work hard for this win as there was a lot at stake in the match for Ku-ring-gai.

After Bobby Noble headed home a corner in the 15th minute it looked as if the home team was set for a comfortable win.

Link, Reis and Heywood formed an effective strike force which caused Ku-ring-gai a lot of problems.

Minutes before the goal Link had tested the Sydney team's defence and struck a shot against the upright.

However, the goal affected the teams in different ways.

Monaro seemed to fall back and relax, while Ku-ring-gai was spurred into action.

In the 22nd minute a lapse in the middle of the Monaro defence let McGill score from Herron's free kick.

After the break Monaro pressed forward, but some good defensive work denied them a goal until near the end when Link lobbed replacement 'keeper Taylor.

MONARO: Antonopoulos 4, Charles 4, Palombi 3, Noble 3, Santolin 3, Falzon 4, Arquero 3, Lawler 4, Link 4, Heywood 3, Reis 4.
KU-RING-GAI: Antman 3 (Taylor 66m), Wheatley 3, Geekie 3, Robertson 4, McGill 4, Martin 3, Smith 4, Lavin 3, Hill 4, Herron 3, Noble 3.
Goals: 1-0 Noble (15m), 1-1 McGill (22m), 2-1 Link (86m).
Referee: V. Celestino; **crowd:** 984; **cautions:** Noble, Lawler, Geekie, Hill.

— J. Chiera

PARRAMATTA CITY v CROATIA 0-0 (0-0)

Parramatta should thank their goalkeeper Dennis Donovan who made some superb saves to keep the score sheet blank.

Donovan made at least three brilliant saves which certainly frustrated the Croatia forwards who did everything but score.

Ivan Grulicic and Walter Savor had top games in midfield, dictating play throughout, yet with a glut of possession they never really exploited the advantage.

On the other hand, Parramatta made good use of their breakaways and on a couple of occasions they nearly went through with their long range shooting.

The best save of the match came on half-time when Grulicic hit the crossbar with a scorcher with Donovan out of position.

The ball came off the woodwork onto the feet of Marion Kovacic who smashed it towards goal from 10 metres to see Donovan put his fingers to it and clear it away.

PARRAMATTA: Donovan 5, McKenzie 3, Bigland 4, Lackey 3, Bates 4, Forwood 4, Fisher 3, Roden 3 (Dalbon 85m), Strickland 2 (McAllister 60m), Mitchell 3, Brizuela 3.
CROATIA: Terziouvski 3, Sterry 4, Kovacic 4, Vidiac 4, Grucic 5, Coleman 3, Culina 4, Sullivan 3, Savor 4, Kovacic 3, Kafka 4.
Referee: K. Small; **crowd:** 850.

— C. Spiteri

CANTERBURY v AVALA 2-0 (1-0)

The loss just about put paid to Avala's semi-final hopes as they are three points behind Canterbury in fifth position with two matches to play.

A superb mid-field performance by Jim Basterfield highlighted Canterbury's win.

Basterfield's deft distribution often put his strikers on the attack and he was on hand to notch Canterbury's first goal in the 14th minute.

Greg Byles beat two defenders before sending a perfectly judged cross in for Basterfield to slot home.

Avala lost whatever chance they had when Gary Bateman was sent off in the 50th minute by referee Doug Rennie for alleged serious foul play.

Canterbury striker Ross Brown put hte issue beyond doubt in the 52nd minute when he slammed a fierce 15 metre shot after good lead-up work by Chris Thamnidies.

Defender Steve Deller kept his reputation intact for Avala with a spirited display and his long clearances often turned defence into attack.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 4, G. Brown 3, Laws 3, Penman 3, Barboutis 3, Williams 3, Hall 3, Basterfield 5, R. Brown 4, Byles 3, Thamnides 3.

AVALA: Ahrens 3, Nitya 3, Deller 4, Barton 3, Pilovski 4, Bateman 1 (sent off), Brown 3, Czolnowski 3, Tilt 3, Patterson 3, Kodor 3.
Goals: 1-0 Basterfield (14m), 2-0 R. Brown (52m)
Referee: D. Rennie; **crowd:** 987; **caution:** Bateman; **sent off:** Bateman.

— S. Donlan

ARNCLIFFE v AUBURN 0-0

Good football but no goals was the feature of this 0-0 result.

There were plenty of goal-mouth incidents throughout the match with goalkeepers Ron Gisbourne and Steve Hoszowski forced into action a number of times.

Arncliffe had the better of the first half with Bill Bulloch having two very good scoring chances, one of which was cleared off the line with Gisbourne beaten.

Auburn came back strongly in the second half, as Arncliffe appeared to tire, with Kevin Dobson and replacement Steve Leak having chances to score.

Auburn striker Chris Quigley was taken to hospital by ambulance after being accidently kicked in the ribs just before half time.

ARNCLIFFE: Hoszowski 3, Ramisch 3, Oldham 3, Butcher 3, Ainisie 4, Lee 3, Wignall 3, Martin 4, Montgomery 3, Bulloch 4, Tracey 3.

AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, McCoy 3, G. Fairclough 3, Dobson 4, Bertram 3, McDonald 3, Quigley (Leak 42m, 3), McCulloch 3, McCrannor 3, Martinez 3, Ross 3.
Referee: W. Phelps; **crowd:** 409.

— M. Renwick

STATE LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER 14

MONARO	V	AVALA	MARCO POLO
MELITA	V	OLYMPIC	GARSIDE PARK
AUBURN	V	SUTHERLAND	SEYMOUR SHAW
CROATIA	V	ARNCLIFFE	KING TOMISLAV
MANLY	V	KURINGAI	CROMER PARK
CANTERBURY	V	BANKSTOWN	ARLINGTON
Leichhardt	v	Blacktown City	Sat., Lambert Park
Revesby Work.	v	Belmore	Sun., Milperra Reserve
Blacktown Utd.	v	Polonia	Sun., Francis Park
Wollongong	v	Penrith Utd.	Sun., Berkeley Spts.Gr.
St.George BSC	v	SSC Yugal	Sat., St.George Stad.
Marconi-F'fld.	v	Bathurst '75	Sun., Marconi Oval
Uni of NSW	v	Sydney City	Sun., David Phillips
Wollongong	v	Sydney City	Sat., Woonona

NEXT WEEK

SEPTEMBER 21

CANTERBURY	V	MONARO	SUN., ARLINGTON OV.
BANKSTOWN	V	OLYMPIC	SUN., SOCCER CENTRE
PARRAMATTA	V	AVALA	SUN., GARSIDE PARK
MANLY	V	SUTHERLAND	SUN., CROMER PARK
CROATIA	V	MELITA	SUN., KING TOMISLAV
NTH. SYDNEY	V	AUBURN	SUN., LAMBERT PARK
KURINGAI	V	ARNCLIFFE	SUN., PARKLANDS
Revesby Wkrs	v	St. George	Sun., Milperra Reserve
Polonia	v	Belmore	Sun., Chopin Park
Penrith Utd	v	Blacktown U.	Sun., Cook Park
Sydney City	v	Wollongong U.	Sun., Syd. Ath. Field
Blacktown City	v	Uni. of NSW	Sun., Gabbie Stadium
S.S.C. Yugal	v	Marconi F'field	Sun., Concord Oval
Bathurst '75	v	Warringah	Sun., Bathurst Show G.

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'82 WORLD CUP

With four matches played this week, the 1980-81 World Cup elimination rounds get into full swing.

At Wembley, England will meet Norway and will hope to wipe the memory of a flat and unsuccessful performance in the European Championships a few weeks ago.

Ron Greenwood is not likely to make radical changes in his team and will rely on the skills of Keegan, Wilkes, Brooking, Watson and others.

The Norwegians are no longer the laughing stock of Europe and, with a style similar to that of England, could make it an interesting clash.

Recently Norway beat Finland 6-1 in Helsinki(!), giving ample notice that they have a team to reckon with.

In Dublin, Ireland will meet Holland and one cannot expect the same Dutch whitewash which would have been predictable a few years ago.

Liam Brady will lead the Irish attack on a rather lacklustre Dutch defence which is now without Haan, Krol and Brandts.

Of course, Holland is still favoured to win — but there won't be much in it.

In Belgrade, Yugoslavia will try to wipe Luxembourg's challenge off the field — and with that erase the memory of their recent crushing 4-1 defeat to Rumania in Bucharest.

Manager Milan Miljanic is likely to recall his brilliant defender Buljan from Hamburg for the game but will probably forget about Surjak and Zajec who are both in the Army and gave such disappointing displays in Bucharest.

The Yugoslavs should win untroubled, possibly by half a dozen goals or so.

The fourth match will be between Sweden and Scotland, in Stockholm.

The Swedes recently lost 2-0 to a weak Hungary in Budapest — but this time they will recall their foreign-based stars: Hellstrom, Borg, Wendt, Olsson and the veteran Edstrom.

The Scots have their traditional dilemma whether to rely on the expatriate Anglo-Scots or build on stay-home talent.

Scotland's recent results have not been too good and they would probably regard a draw as satisfactory.

One day after these four matches, France will play in Cyrpus and should romp home easily.

Ray Clemence of Liverpool, still England's No.1 goalie, likely to be in action this week at Wembley against Norway.

Scotland's Kenny Dalglish, whose goals could help in Stockholm.

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

- *What impressed FIFA boss Joao Havelange most during the Moscow Olympics? The 1,600,000 spectators at the soccer matches in the various cities.*

- *Juventus coach Trapattoni: "Bettega will be totally rejuvenated playing alongside this marvellous Liam Brady."*

- *West German manager Jupp Derwall: "Maradona is perhaps slightly better than Pele was..." Has he really seen Pele play...?*

- *Karl-Heinz Rummenigge of Bayern Munchen has been named West Germany's player of the year, well ahead of team-mate Paul Breitner.*

- *The Belgian FC Bruges has signed for former Hungarian international Istvan Magyar, from the Austrian Grazer AK. Magyar escaped from Budapest two years ago.*

- *PSV Eindhoven of Holland has signed an English striker, Ted Maybank.*

- *More than 10,000 people waited at Rome airport for the arrival of AS Roma's Brazilian striker, Falcao.*

- *Alfredo Di Stefano: "It hursts me, of course, that Valencia sacked me — but what hurst me even more is that my compatriot, Mario Kempes, was instrumental in this by telling tales to the club president."*

- *Deportivo La Palma, in Peru, has put a life ban on three players for their nightclubing-drinking lifestyle.*

- *Leaving North America, Eusebio will return to Benfica soon — to coach school children and to scout for young talent.*

- *Customs officers recently caused a stir at Frankfurt's international airport by holding up embarkation proceedings because of a passenger. Pele, the passenger, turned out to have a passport which had run out in 1976. "Nobody ever asked for my passport before," said Pele with innocent modesty.*

- *Socceroos beware: nine minutes on the field doesn't necessarily mean an international appearance! FIFA ruled that Argentinian Dario Luis Felman is not a full international — because he played only nine minutes some three years ago against Hungary. Felman is thus free to play for the Spanish Valencia, under rules which permit only two foreign internationals — but the FIFA decision is likely to cause an almighty confusion around the world among players and statisticians.*

- *Italian rules state that a player's transfer fee can be 18 times his signing-on fee for a season; that transfer fee then cannot be appealed against.*

- *The new national team of the USSR which won 4-1 in Budapest against Hungary is built on the Olympic side with two experienced veterans Blokhin and Burjak added.*

- *Rumania's new pin-up boy is striker Iordanescu who scored a hat-trick against Yugoslavia, in the final of the Balkan Cup.*

- *For the second time running, the Player of the Year award in the US went to Johan Cruyff, now with the Washington Diplomats.*

- *Gerhard Hanappi, one of the greatest stars of post-war Austrian soccer, died suddenly following a heart attack at the age of 51. He made his debut at 18 for Austria and remained an international until 1962. Hanappi was a classic exponent of the elegant, artistic "Austrian school."*

- *Ray Clemence, Liverpool's goalie, has played his 600th league match for his club.*

- *Joao Havelange has decided to stand for re-election as FIFA president in 1982. Earlier there were speculations that he may quit his post.*

- *AEK of Greece is willing to release their star striker Thomasz Mavros — for about $1,500,000. Leeds, Cosmos and an Italian club are interested.*

- *From January 1, 1981, Coventry City will be officially known as Coventry Talbot — receiving $500,000 from the famous car manufacturer of the city for the privilege.*

- *Former brilliant Polish goalie Jan Tomaszewski, hero of that memorable Wembley match in 1973, is now with the Belgian Beerschot.*

- *Zeze Moreira, 72, is the new coach of the provincial club Bahia. Moreira was coach of Brazil in the 1954 World Cup finals.*

- *Former Yugoslav international Branko Oblak who has left Bayern Munich is now the player-coach of Silenik in his homeland.*

- *According to an independent study, Colombia has no stadiums up to standard where they could stage the 1986 World Cup finals. Bogota's main stadium, "El Campin," has no parking space, no VIP and press rooms, no first aid centres, separate tunnels for the teams, no TV and radio cabins and has insufficient seats. Sounds like Sydney all over . . .*

- *"The secret of West German soccer is that our coaches are better than all the others," says FC Koln's international Bernd Schuster. "We work a lot more with the ball than do the English who concentrate too much on speed and condition."*

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